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King Co. pharmacy tech suspended due to diverting controlled substances

OLYMPIA -- The Pharmacy Commission has immediately suspended the credential of King County pharmacy technician Corliss Samaniego (PTEC.VA.00018443) pending further legal proceedings.

Charges state that Samaniego diverted controlled substances consisting of about thirty thousand pills between February 2002 and August 2015. She allegedly signed a written statement admitting to diverting narcotics from the Pyxis medstations and a controlled substance safe.

Samaniego has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges and cannot practice as a pharmacy technician in Washington until these charges are resolved.

The documents for this case are available online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

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